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DON'T GET FRIGHTENED AT WALL STREET'S GHOST.

THERE is a ghost in Wall street. It haunts the offices of bankers and bondholders by day, and at night goes home with them and sits on the footboards of their beds. The name of this spectre is "Demonetization of Gold."

Before this spectre begins to trouble other people, let us inquire whether this dreaded portent has any reality except in the minds of the nervous, overfed, gambling-frazzled financiers.

Who is going to demonetize gold? Right at the start it can be laid down as self-evident that it can't be done without the consent of England, who, whether victorious, stalemated or defeated, will at least hold the balance of financial and commercial power.

Will England consent to the demonetization of gold? Of course! say those who are talking demonetization; "hasn't England sent most of her gold to the United States? and don't her debts call for more gold as interest and principal than she can get together in ten years?"

Self interest, eh? Well, the difficulties involved in paying British debts with gold are troubles for the British government to worry with, and everyone knows that the government has never ruled the British empire. The empire's policies from time immemorial have been determined by the great financial and commercial interests. They have no desire for demonetization. They know that as soon as the war is over the sale of their products at the high price levels which the war has established will bring back to manufacturing England the good gold almost as rapidly as it went out.

They know also that the British empire will have as much gold at the end of the war as any other European country; more than that, they know that while all other European countries have practically no sources of new gold, the British empire has more than all the world combined in the mines of Australia, the Yukon, South Africa and else-

where, with as much gold in them as has ever been taken out. Would they think for a moment of sacrificing the value of these great mines, merely to spare the government the trouble of making adjustments with foreign investors?

And to those who have studied the situation it is quite evident that there is not going to be any great trouble in making adjustments with the holders of so-called "gold" securities.

Suppose the creditors should demand their pound of flesh and insist on gold payments "as nominated in the bond." All the the British representatives would need to do in such case would be to shake the threat of demonetization before the noses of the insistent creditors, and rather than take their chances with depreciated gold, they would agree to accept silver, or fiat money, or anything that the British government would put its credit behind.

There is just about as much chance of the British government demonetizing gold as there is of the British public adopting German as the national language or "Die Wacht am Rhein" as the imperial anthem.

So, if you see this Wall street ghost of gold demonetization wandering around the country side, don't be alarmed. It is nothing more than the creation of the guilty consciences of our tight-fisted financiers, who harden their hearts and insist on gold payments from war-stricken peoples, and are now afraid of some of their chickens coming home to roost.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT LAWYER.

SECRETARY OF WAR NEWTON D. BAKER

never believes anything until an army officer tells him. When charges reached his ears that a piece of mail had been taken from the mails at a town in Kansas by order of an army officer on the border, because it contained a round robin making complaints of conditions on the border, Baker said he could not recognize such a "rumor."

It would have to come officially from the army officer in question before he could take any notice. This attitude is typical of the lawyer mind of the present secretary. He never believes anything until it reaches him over the red tape.

We wonder what would happen if an intercepted wireless message fell into the hands of some newspaper man some day telling that the fleet of a foreign power had started with a convoy of transports to land a hostile expedition on American shores?

No doubt Baker would "discredit such an unfounded report," and wait to mobilize the army until the commander of the hostile fleet notified him "officially" of his intent to land.

Imagination is the eye of the soul.—Joubert.

The Lady Next Door spotted Mark Twain's "Pudd'n-head Wilson" on our living room table. "Huh!" said she. "Doesn't he like Wilson?"

Looks as if our diplomacy needs lancing!

Catching up with your work is another way of saying, "being behind."

At least President Wilson's note has made peace, for the time being, a more talked of topic than war.

The old fashioned wall of China wouldn't be so bad if moved to the Mexican border.

SHORT AND SNAPPY.

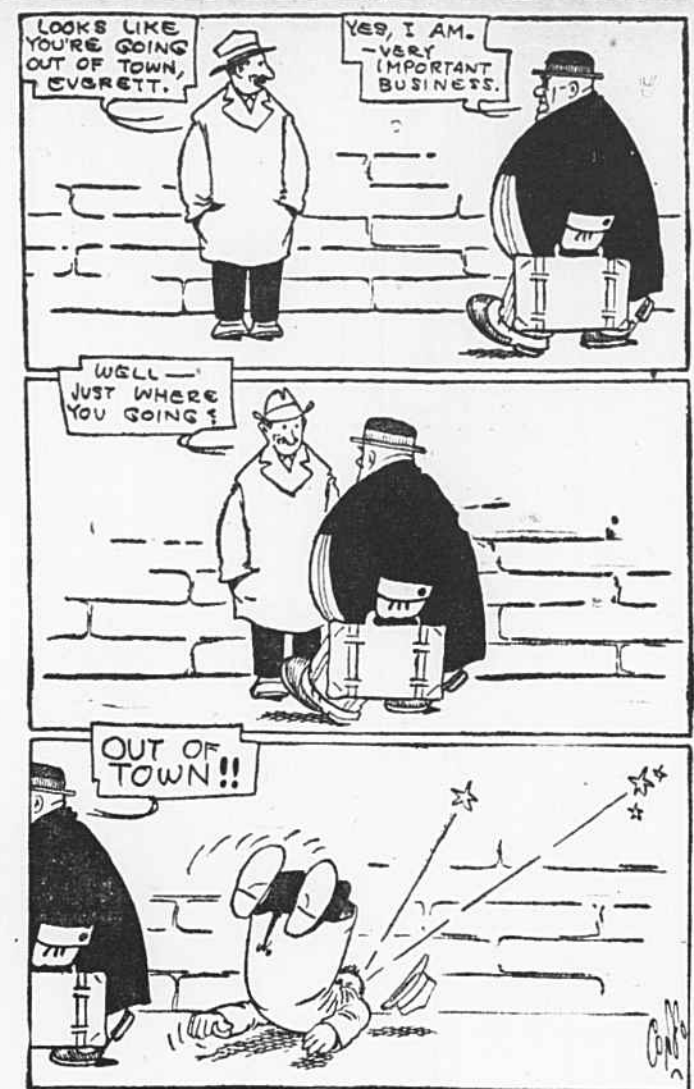
It is explained that Jess Willard is not too proud to fight. He is too wealthy.—Wheeling Register.

The State is a strong vindication of the Hatfield administration, if it ever needed any.—Wheeling Intelligence.

Even if a cold storage egg could talk, it would probably refuse to tell its age.—Charleston Mail.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO.)



all the legislators the need of a new law building.

James O'Neal has been named by the Republicans of South Buckhannon as the party's nominee in the coming municipal election. Nervin Cutlip has been nominated for recorder.

Under the Weeks forestry law the Federal government has authorized the purchase of 124,000 acres of forest land in the Monongahela and Potomac sections. The purchases of forest land in West Virginia now completed embrace almost 47,000 acres. The purchase of 1,000 acres additional is contingent on an opinion of the Federal department of justice, and 20,000 acres, actual survey of which has been made, is in the process of condemnation.

The Standard Lime and Stone company has announced that the wages of all employees will be increased 15 per cent. on January 1. The company has a number of plants in West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Railroad companies which either directly or through subsidiary corporations own coal lands in West Virginia without developing them, may be induced to open important territory soon. A movement has been launched to bring about a change in the prices charged by the mining companies for the coal used by the railroads. It is said that the railroad companies will be confronted before long with a decided advance in prices when they renew their contracts.

FIRE IN WALLACE, W. VA.

J. F. Stout, proprietor of a Wallace theatre; his wife and their four young children narrowly escaped from fire that destroyed their home last night. Aroused after the structure was in flames they fled into the cold clad only in night clothing. The house and all its contents were destroyed at a loss of \$4,000.

Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

GOOD NEIGHBORS AGAIN.

From Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.
Resumption of football relations among West Virginia University, the University of Pittsburgh and Washington and Jefferson College is a good thing for the community. The breach amounted to a quarrel among neighbors and although the principle involved meant something to amateur athletes, still it did not justify the three institutions remaining apart in 1917. Pitt and W. & J. both will play on West Virginia territory and the games will stimulate interest in the three among the very people they need to cultivate. Conquests on distant fields matter much less to these schools than a community of good feeling right here at home and Morgantown people are home folks. Much better bring athletics among Pitt, Tech, Penn. State College, W. & J., West Virginia, Bethany and Westminster up to the highest possible standard than covet early-season engagements with representatives of the so-called "big" universities. Putting West Virginia back on the Pitt and Washington schedules is more important than what some people choose to call recognition farther East. Every one should be glad we are good neighbors again.



DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SWAPPING EARLY!

RUFF STUFF

BY RED.

As we sit and wonder early each morning over the previous day's happenings we think of the fun some guy must have trying to find out why peace ought not to be.

Because all the war brides are gradually being divorced as the news arrived that England and France would love to have peace but that the Germans must "speak first" on the streets.

Do your Christmas shopping early.

Fairmont man hurt in Clarksburg. Probably broke a leg trying to jodge mud holes on Pike street.

If this weather came after a drought some would claim it came in answer to prayers.

Hope nobody desires this kind of sloppy weather, because right now we have before us "Villa's troops take San Luis Potosi."

Which will make another Mexican dry.

Camels as war horses in Turkish trenches.

We've never needed a war horse but should we some time we'll buy a Fairmont stogie instead.

The impudence of the police, arresting seven negro gamblers!

If you must swear off something for next year—quit the war talk.

And besides you simply worry the tobacco trust to death when you talk of quitting the rigs.

Because by the time they have counted their Xmas money you will have started on a higher priced brand.

Or maybe gone to chewing—perhaps the rag about England's war dog supply.

They still shoot fire crackers Christmas time in Grafton.

Already we noticed one Christmas necktie being worn. But he was going to see her last evening and thought he had "best wear it."

"Amundsen is preparing for dash toward pole." Somebody ought to tell him about the weather in Fairmont.

Would save the polar bears from be-

Splendid New Furs at 1/4 Less Than Regular

Sets, scarfs and muffs in the prevailing styles, red fox, wolf, mink, skunk, lynx, coney and new novelty furs. These are thoroughly dependable furs and were marked at unusually low prices—now one fourth off.

53 Boys' Suits and Overcoats at 20% Off Regular Prices

These good suits are of all wool blue serges and novelty mixtures, practical fabrics of extra good wearing qualities. All are Norfolk coats and full knicker pants, some fully lined. Seams are taped, can't rip.

Prices were \$3.95 to \$7.95, now 20% less.

Fairmont's Best Garment Store Offers Splendid Values in Women's and Misses' Suits Coats and Dresses

And you will save a lot of time and trouble by coming to this store first—those who have looked the town over still find their ideal coat or suit in our collection of dependable garments. Our policy, to give the customer the best styles obtainable at reasonable prices is the best policy and we are going to hold tight to that policy.

Whatever you desire in a coat or suit this store stands ready to supply you advantageously.

Friday an Unusual Sale of Blue Enameled Cooking Utensils

Preserving Kettles, Sauce Pans, Dairy Pans, Basins, Etc., at 10 cents each. None sold before Friday morning at nine o'clock.

E. C. Jones
THE WOMAN'S STORE
FAIRMONT, W. VA.

INCONCEIVABLE!



coming man eating.

If what Charley Schwab says about the steel business can be true looks like we're coming back to Woodrow Wilson days of October, 1914.

But why be pessimistic, just when starting time comes there'll be another election and all the hungry can root and yell for the guy who is going to save the country.

Germany wants peace. England and France want peace. Russia has to take it. Rumania and Serbia and Belgium haven't got a piece left but all the same the war is being fought out on this side until the present generation is inflicted with gout and neurasthenia.

Speaking of war—ain't it run bum guntree wot knows nuddings about using up it's doing supply to make trunkfuters?

It are.

Too Small.

When the new baby came to Elizabeth's parents he was very tiny, weighing only two and a half pounds. It was Christmas time, and Elizabeth, three years old, asked her mother what Santa Claus was going to bring her for a present. "He's already brought my present—the baby," said her mother. "No, he didn't," disagreed Elizabeth. "He's only a sample."

It is Everywhere!
The heart of true womanhood knows where its own sphere is, and never seeks to stay beyond it.—Hawthorne.

STOPS ANY COLD IN A FEW HOURS

"PAPE'S COLD COMPOUND" OPENS CLOGGED NOSE AND HEAD AND ENDS GRIPPE.

Relief comes instantly. A dose taken every two hours until three doses are taken will end gripe misery and break up a severe cold either in the head, chest, body or limbs.

It promptly opens clogged-up nostrils and air passages in the head, stops nasty discharge or nose running, relieves sick headache, dullness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness.

Don't stay stuffed up! Quit blowing and snuffling! Ease your throbbing head! Nothing in the world gives such prompt relief as "Pape's Cold Compound," which costs only 25 cents at any drug store. It acts with out assistance, tastes nice, causes no inconvenience. Be sure you get the genuine.

COLDS

A cold today and pneumonia tomorrow. Grippe and fever indications at least. Colds invariably work out the same way. Avoid colds if you can—the ounce of prevention is best. In any case, take Crane's K-N-O-X-A COLD TABLETS to break up a cold, to break up or ward off gripe, fevers, ague and malaria.

Price 25c

CRANE'S
Drug Store

BITS OF STATE NEWS

A new schedule goes into effect on the Morgantown and Wheeling January 7th says the New Dominion. Owing to the many trips formerly made between Randall and Cassville being operated at a loss, it has become necessary to discontinue the electric service between these two points. Three round trips will now be made between Randall and Cassville by steam. The change being made at Randall. The afternoon through trip to Price, which formerly left Morgantown at 3 p. m., will, under the new schedule, leave an hour and ten minutes later, or 4:10 p. m. This will give the people living beyond Price more time to attend to any business they may have at Morgantown.

The attention of the police department says the Wheeling Intelligence has been called to the fact that many of the strange negroes brought to Wheeling and vicinity to work on some of the big construction jobs are purchasing many revolvers. One pawnshop is said to have sold nine revolvers to strange negroes just before Christmas. With great numbers of these negroes colonized together, in or near the city the police officials fear that there may be a "blowup" and both uniformed men and plain clothes men are carefully scrutinizing everyone for bulging hip pockets.

It is probable that a link connecting the Western Maryland railroad with the Washington and Old Dominion Line will be constructed in the near future it was learned from authoritative sources, says the Hagerstown Herald. The connecting link may take one of two routes. Should it be some of the northern direction there is a possibility that the junction with the Western Maryland will be near Williamsport. But should the Western Maryland decide to take the other route, the connecting line may be from Blumont, Va., to either Elkins or Thomas. The Western Maryland surveying corps has been working for several months in the vicinity of Williamsport and also along the Potomac river from Shepherdstown and it was learned that this work was in connection with the new line. The Washington and Old Dominion line is one of the most promising small roads of the country. It is fifty two miles in length and runs through a section that is growing rapidly. The growth of the railroad has been fast. Several years ago it was but twelve miles in length, with Great Falls as its southern terminus. The Western Maryland is very desirous to reach Washington. It is likely that the Western Maryland may endeavor to absorb the Old Dominion line or arrange for a joint traffic re-

WIFE OF JUDGE TO ACT IN MOVIES!



MRS. BEN B. LINDSEY.

Mrs. Lindsey, wife of Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver, Colo., will appear in photoplays written by the judge, based on juvenile court work, in which the judge is interested.

lation in the event of the construction of the extension.

The Buffalo Standard Coal Company which recently revived a certificate of incorporation from the secretary of state, will meet for organization within the next week or ten days, says the Wheeling Intelligence. Immediately following the meeting for organization, the company plans to commence operations. They have under lease about 2,000 acres of Pittsburgh vein coal in Brooke county east of Wellsburg. It is considered the most valuable of the entire section, and by those who are closely identified with the situation, the company is practically assured of success. A subsidiary to the Buffalo Standard Coal company is the Standard Building company, organized by practically the same men. It is planned to con-

struct the model village in connection with the mining operations for the employees of the company. The village will be constructed on a tract one quarter mile square. Tenement buildings for the employees are to be constructed. A general meeting hall will be built. This will be used for the recreation of the employees as well as for other purposes.

Extensive improvements are under way at the Top Mill plant of the Wheeling Steel and Iron company at North Wheeling according to the Wheeling Register. It is reported that the old furnace at the mill be rebuilt. A rumor is afloat that a part at the Top Mill will be fitted up for the purpose of making munitions. No authoritative statement of the owners of the property has been given out relative to the changes which are being made in the plant. The southern end of the works have been completely torn out and it will take many weeks before the furnaces in that addition will be ready to be started.

Down in St. Albans, West Virginia the townspeople are all stirred up over the visit of robbers to their village. The St. Albans Herald came out the day after the happening with the following under big black headlines running eight columns wide across the front page. "Our defenseless town was made the scene of a robbery on Thursday night. Robbers made entrance at the rear window of Hollandsworth & Martin's store. They broke in a large glass and crawled between the bars. It is very difficult for them to estimate their loss at the present time, but as far as they can tell, judging from the goods they know were stolen their loss will be in the neighborhood of \$200. It is not necessary for the Herald to make any comments upon the matter as all are well aware how our Civic Affairs are conducted, but it is a question of how long the patience of the people will last.

Seventy-three miles of new roads will be constructed next spring and summer in Wyoming county. That county and Mercer county will be connected by a new road. The proposed system of roads will open up a territory not even traversed by bridal paths.

Mayor Edmund Sohon has issued an order forbidding the playing of pay-ball, Kelly pool and all other forms of gambling in billiard halls of the city. City officials say that proprietors of billiard rooms have abused the leniency of the anti-gambling ordinance by permitting the operation of games where betting is involved. The ministerial alliance of Huntington recently complained that gambling was flourishing in Huntington.

Members of the West Virginia legislature are being told this week of the need of a new law building at the state university. Before leaving to spend the Christmas vacation at their homes, students of the law school planned a campaign to bring to the attention of